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SENATOR SCHIMEK: That is correct.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: So in essence if we agree to the Schimek amendment, what we would do is, right now the initiative for statutory is 64,200. The Schimek amendment would make it about 68,000. The initiative for a constitutional amendment, the current numbers would be 91,800, under the Schimek amendment would be a little higher than that, about 103,000. Is that correct, Senator Schimek?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That is correct.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay, and then you go on down for the referendum, we have 45,900 today, but with the Schimek amendment we would then have 57,000, which would be again closely...in close relationship to what we have today and the referendum suspended law, which would be 91,800, would be again 103,300. Do I have that correct?

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, but there's one little caveat, Senator, and...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: ...that is that you also need to look at the right-hand column because you will see that for a volunteer drive that those numbers would be exactly half of what they are in the other column, so that instead of 68,812 for an initiative on a law, it would be, for a volunteer, 34,441.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: I appreciate that, so as you're comparing the two, on the paid would be a third column on the bottom section and the volunteer would be on the final column.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: That is correct.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Okay, with that explanation, I'm going to support the Schimek amendment. I'm still not satisfied that the numbers are where I want it. The 34,000 still seems awfully low to me on the volunteer side, but nonetheless, I'm more comfortable on the paid side than where we are now and I think it's a step in the right direction. I certainly would be supportive of other amendments that may be pending as well, but